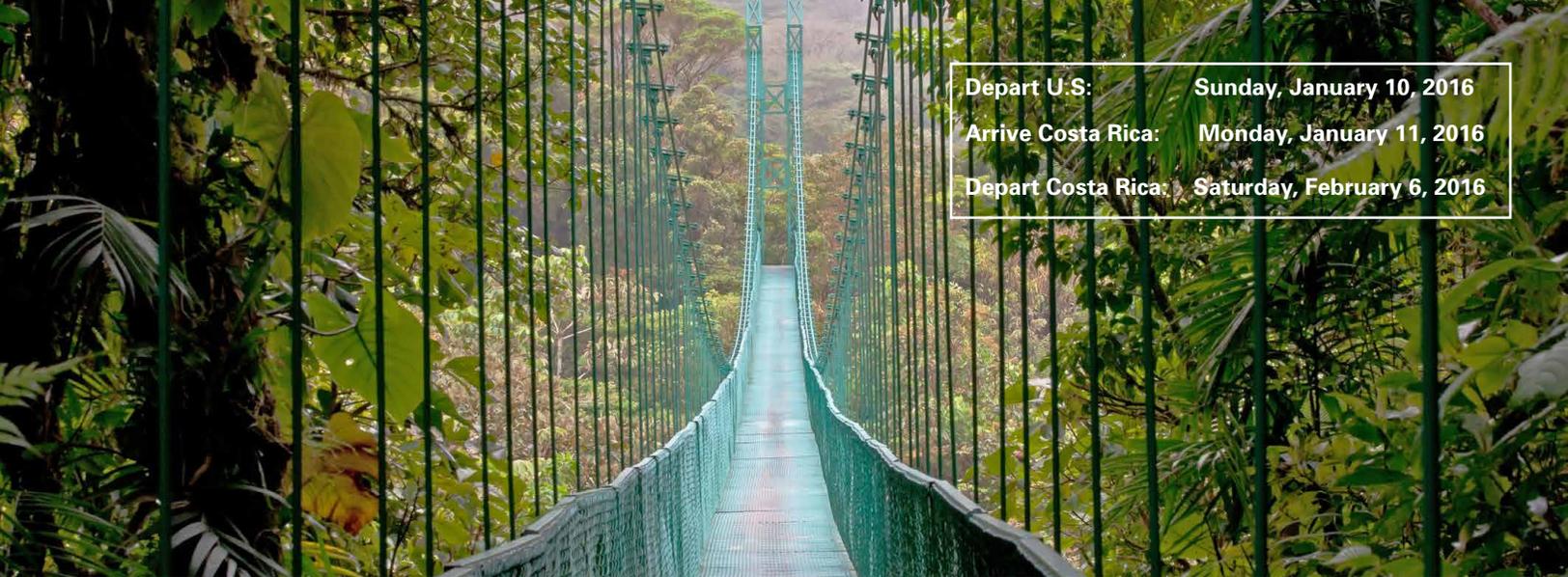


Citrus College

# COSTA RICA

Winter  
2016





**Depart U.S:** Sunday, January 10, 2016  
**Arrive Costa Rica:** Monday, January 11, 2016  
**Depart Costa Rica:** Saturday, February 6, 2016

**C**OSTA RICA is one of the most unique destinations in Central America. This majestic country extends from the Pacific Ocean to the Caribbean Sea where visitors can experience overwhelming diversity. Ecological and geological communities such as rainforests, cloud forests, tropical dry forests, volcanoes, hot springs, incredible rivers and waterfalls, and beautiful beaches and islands all provide habitat for 5% of the world's flora and fauna species. With more than 25% of Costa Rica protected as national parks and reserves, places like the Monteverde Cloud Forest and Tortuguero will make for breathtaking experiences!

## YOUR PROGRAM INCLUDES

### LA SELVA BIOLOGICAL STATION:

- Meet and greet by an AIFS representative at the airport upon arrival and transfer by private bus to La Selva Biological Station.
- 4-day, 3-night stay at La Selva with accommodation in twin, triple or multi-bedded rooms at the Station including 3 meals daily; Wi-Fi; and access to the computer lab, paths, observatory platforms, libraries and collections.
- Orientation program including an orientation meeting with AIFS staff, information packet and local area information.

### TORTUGUERO NATIONAL PARK:

- Transfer by private bus to Tortuguero National Park with a stop en route at El Ceibo Restaurant at Gápiles.
- 3-day, 2-night stay at Tortuguero including hotel accommodation, 3 meals daily, a jungle walk, jungle cruise, and guided visits to the Tortuguero National Park and Turtle Conservation Museum with services of a professional English-speaking guide.

### CORONADO:

- Transfer to Coronado by private bus.
- Accommodation in shared rooms in a homestay with daily breakfast and dinner and once-weekly laundry service. Alternatively, students may stay in a shared room in the on-campus residence. No meals are provided in the residence, but students will have access to a full kitchen to prepare their own meals.
- Cultural calendar including activities such as tree planting in Braulio Carrillo National Park, a visit to the Jade Museum in San

José, a Costa Rican cooking class and volunteering activities.

- Guided day trip to Poas Volcano and Doka Coffee Plantation including private transportation and services of an English-speaking guide.

### ARENAL AND MONTEVERDE:

- Round-trip transportation to Arenal and Monteverde by private bus.
- 2-day, 1-night stay in Arenal including hotel accommodation with breakfast and activities such as a visit to Baldi Hot Springs and La Fortuna Waterfall.
- Transfer by boat across Arenal Lake to Monteverde Cloud Forest.
- 2-day, 2-night stay in Monteverde at the University of Georgia Ecolodge including 3 meals daily.
- Nature walks and activities such as a visit to Monteverde Cloud Forest National Park, the Sky walk, and zip-lining.

### ALSO:

- Group transfer on departure day to San José Airport
- The services of the AIFS Program Coordinator to provide information, personal advising/counseling, and 24-hour emergency contact service.
- Student medical and program fee refund insurance.
- \$50 non-refundable application fee.



## FEES

Based on an enrollment of 15 to 19 participants, the fee per person is \$3,375. If 20 or more students enroll, the fee will be reduced to \$3,145.

The fee excludes airfare, a \$125 refundable damage deposit, \$29 Costa Rican departure tax, passport or visa fees, optional medical insurance upgrade (\$65) and optional personal effect coverage (\$90), meals and other than those listed, personal expenses, any Citrus College tuition or administrative fees, textbooks, additional field trips or excursions required by the Citrus College faculty and anything not specified.

The fees are guaranteed not to change as a result of fluctuations in the \$ exchange rate.

## FACULTY

**Rudy González** has taught Mathematics at Citrus College since 2006. He earned his Master of Science in General Mathematics and completed many courses in Latin American Studies at Cal State Los Angeles. His travels through 15 countries include studying Spanish at UNAM in Mexico City and U de G in Guadalajara, as well as studying Portuguese in Portugal and Brazil. Professor González brings a student-centered approach to every class he teaches. He is eager to give students a greater insight into the cultural landscape of Costa Rica through Statistics.

**Robert Goodman** instructs a variety of classes in Natural History, Wildland Resources and Forestry, Environmental Science, and Biology at Citrus College with over 18 years of teaching experience. He holds a Master's Degree from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, in Biological Sciences. His interest in natural resources with emphasis in plant and animal ecology has increased significantly with field experience in many parts of the United States, Mexico, Costa Rica, Belize, Honduras, Ecuador, Galapagos Islands, Alaska and Hawaii. With over 15 publications and continuing wildlife research, Bobby is thrilled to share his knowledge with students to enhance their understanding of Costa Rican biodiversity and natural history while thinking critically about our role in the environment and promoting long-term sustainability.

## COURSES

*Please note: Students may enroll in one or both classes. Course instruction may be required prior to departure or after program ends.*

### **Biology 145 Environmental Science**

(3 units, Grade Only) (CSU/UC)

This lecture course explores contemporary global environmental concerns. Basic concepts covered will include the Earth's life support systems, population dynamics, environmental pollution, food production, and natural resource utilization. Emphasis will be placed on recognizing global environmental problems and exploring various solutions for them. (Goodman)

### **Math 165 Introductory Statistics**

(4 units, Grade Only) (CSU/UC)

This course is an introduction to statistics and probability, covering topics such as descriptive analysis, presentation of data, hypothesis testing, statistical inference, normal curve and the chi-square. Students will learn how the material discussed in this course can be applied in a wide range of disciplines. (González)

## OPTIONAL AIRFARE PACKAGE

An optional airfare package is available, consisting of round-trip flights between Los Angeles and San José, for an additional \$495. This fare excludes mandatory U.S. government and airline-imposed departure taxes, fees and fuel surcharges of \$278 (subject to change) for which students will be billed separately.

A minimum of 12 students must purchase the flight for it to be offered.

## OPTIONAL EXCURSION

An optional 3-day, 2-night excursion to Manuel Antonio National Park is available for an additional \$350. The excursion includes hotel accommodation, daily breakfast, entrance to the park and the services of a guide. A minimum of 10 students is required for this excursion to operate.

## MEDICAL INSURANCE

AIFS provides each student with a group insurance policy issued by Ace American Insurance Co. The policy provides two distinct types of coverage:

1. Before the program begins, AIFS will refund fees paid by students unable to participate on the program because of covered injury or illness or quarantine in a travel area. However, a fee is retained from the amount paid which includes a \$100 processing fee, the \$50 non-refundable application fee and a \$125 insurance premium.
2. Once the program has begun, the plan covers the cost of medical treatment abroad, up to a maximum of \$100,000 per sickness or accident and with a daily hospital charge limit of \$300. There is a \$50 deductible per incident for medical claims against this policy.

These two categories of insurance are mutually exclusive. That is, the policy does not cover medical expenses before the program begins, nor does it refund any portion of the AIFS program fees once the program has begun.

The insurance also covers costs associated with changing the return flight if a student is unable to complete the program due to accident, illness or quarantine in a travel area. It offers 24-hour travel assistance in case of an emergency, legal assistance, medical transportation and emergency cash transfer in case of theft or loss. Full details of the coverage are available at [www.aifspartnerships.com/pdf/insurance\\_summer.pdf](http://www.aifspartnerships.com/pdf/insurance_summer.pdf).

### Optional medical insurance upgrade and personal effects insurance

A *medical insurance upgrade* provides a maximum \$250,000 per sickness or accident with a daily hospital charge of \$300 (\$50 deductible for each accident or illness). Optional *personal effects insurance* covers loss or theft up to \$1,000, subject to a maximum \$100 per item (\$500 for electronic devices) and a deductible of \$100 per incident. Students are advised to arrange additional insurance for special items. Expensive or irreplaceable items should be left at home.

## AIFS REFUND POLICY

All notification of withdrawal must be made in writing via fax or certified mail to: Registrar, Customized, Faculty-Led Programs, AIFS Study Abroad, 1 High Ridge Park, Stamford, CT 06905. The fax number is 203.399.5597. Postmark date or date of fax transmission is considered date of withdrawal. All withdrawal statements must be signed by the applicant, or they will not be processed.

If a student's application is not accepted by AIFS, a refund of all payments is made, less the \$50 non-refundable application fee and any non-refundable deposits paid by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf. If a student withdraws on or before Friday, October 16, 2015, a full refund will be made less \$150, including the \$50 non-refundable application fee, plus any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf.

If a student withdraws after Friday, October 16, 2015, but on or before Friday, November 13, 2015, for any reason except medical covered by the AIFS Fees Refund and Medical Insurance Policy, the \$450 deposit fee is forfeited, along with any non-refundable deposits paid either by the student or by AIFS on the student's behalf.

If a student is forced to withdraw from the program because of covered medical reasons after final fees have been paid but before departure, a refund will be made through the Fees Refund and Medical Insurance Policy, less a \$100 processing fee, the \$50 non-refundable application fee and the \$125 insurance premium. The policy requires written proof of medical reasons provided by your physician.

Students withdrawing voluntarily for any reason after Friday, November 13, 2015, including withdrawals because of medical reasons not covered under the medical refund policy, receive no refund of fees paid unless they are able to provide a qualified replacement. In this case, they receive a full refund of all payments made less the \$150 processing and cancellation fee and any non-refundable deposits. Replacement students must pay in full at the time of application. Flights cannot be arranged for replacement students applying after Friday, October 16, 2015. Once the program has started, students withdrawing receive no refund under any circumstances. This refund policy is necessary because the booking of facilities in Costa Rica requires substantial non-refundable payments and commitments by AIFS in advance.

**Deadline to apply is Friday, October 9, 2015**

### TO ENROLL ON THE PROGRAM:

Go to: <http://www.citruscollege.edu/studyabroad/studycostarica>

### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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